



REPUBLICANS TAKE TRUTH SERUM

The GOP Is Accidentally Telling the Truth about Their Tax Scam

As Republicans race to ram through their tax scam, some Members of Congress and conservative ideologues are letting their true motivations shine through. Namely, that this tax bill isn't for the middle class; it's for the wealthy and well-connected.



Congress too often serves the interests of the donor class, rather than the interests of the American people. Americans of all political stripes have long felt this to be true, and this belief is backed up by research demonstrating that Congress' priorities diverge sharply from what the public wants and are in lock step with donors' preferences. While this state of affairs hasn't improved during the Trump presidency – in fact, it seems Congress and the Administration are working harder than ever to enrich corporations and the wealthy at the expense of ordinary Americans – for the first time Congressional Republicans are spilling the beans on who they truly represent.

The quotations below expose the truth about the devastating and deeply unpopular #GOPTaxScam: It's the first step toward decimating Social Security and Medicare; it's more concerned with punishing Democratic voters than improving the lives of everyday Americans; and it is fundamentally a bill of, by and for the wealthy and well-connected.



– Rep. Chris Collins

Republicans are feeling pressure to pass their tax scam because, as Rep. Chris Collins (R-N.Y.) said, “My donors are basically saying, ‘Get it done or don’t ever call me again.’” ([Source](#))



Rep. Mark Sanford (R-S.C.) said the bill is “fundamentally a corporate tax reduction,” but that it’s being sold as a middle-class tax cut because Republicans are scared of the bill “being labeled as what might be best for [President Trump].” ([Source](#))



– Rep. Mark Sanford



– Sen. Lindsey Graham

If Republicans don’t pass their \$1.5 trillion giveaway to the donor class, Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) said, “financial contributions will stop.” ([Source](#))

After passing a tax bill that increases the deficit by \$1.5 trillion, Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) gave away the playbook, admitting Republicans will soon “deal with the debt” by taking aim at “the structure of Social Security and Medicare.” ([Source](#))



– Sen. Marco Rubio



– Stephen Moore
Heritage Foundation

Heritage Foundation Fellow Stephen Moore said that the GOP tax scam is intended to punish Democratic voters by targeting “state and local taxes.” He continued, admitting another goal of the tax scam’s goal is to take away Americans’ access to health care by “getting rid of the mandate... to eventually dismantle Obamacare.” ([Source](#))





ABOUT THE DEMOCRACY REFORM TASK FORCE

The **Democracy Reform Task Force** is a concerted effort in the House of Representatives to build a government that puts public interests ahead of special interests. Despite promises to “drain the swamp,” President Trump and the Republican-controlled Congress are pursuing an agenda that primarily benefits the wealthy and well-connected, while flouting the long-established norms and laws that prevent public corruption.

To fight back, the **Democracy Reform Task Force** – chaired by Congressman John Sarbanes – is working to confront the Trump Administration’s conflicts of interest and ethical lapses and fight back against special-interest policies in Congress, while advancing positive reforms to improve accountability and transparency in government.

